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POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL IMPORTANT DATES

- Aug. 28..... College football regular season begins
- Oct. 28..... First Football College Playoff Poll released
- Nov. 3..... Popeyes Bahamas Bowl media credential applications available at PopeyesBahamasBowl.com
- Dec. 5 Marathon MAC Football Championship - Detroit, Mich. (Ford Field)
- Dec. 6 Conference USA Football Championship - Site TBA
- Dec. 7..... Selection Sunday
- Dec. 11-12 Team Site Visits
- Dec. 14..... Credential applications close
- Dec. 20 Team Arrivals
- Dec. 21-23 Team Practices
- Dec. 23 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl Press Conference
- Dec. 24 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Noon ET; Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium; Nassau, Bahamas - ESPN)

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POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL WEEK 3 NOTEBOOK

THIS WEEKEND: Week 3 begins with a Conference USA West Division matchup as Louisiana Tech visits North Texas for a nationally televised game Thursday night (8 pm ET; CBSSN). C-USA has one other conference game Saturday as WKU goes to Middle Tennessee for the 64th meeting between the schools, located only 100 miles apart. In C-USA non-conference games, Southern Miss is at AP No. 3 Alabama and Rice heads to in-state foe and AP No. 7 Texas A&M. The MAC has 12 non-conference games scheduled, including three vs. Big Ten opponents. The remaining MAC unbeaten Central Michigan (vs. Syracuse) and Northern Illinois (at UNLV) will each put 2-0 records on the line.

C-USA/MAC PLAYS A PAIR: Conference USA, with a 2-0 mark against MAC opponents, face off with their **Popeyes Bahamas Bowl** partners twice on Saturday. Ohio travels to lone C-USA unbeaten Marshall (2-0) and Eastern Michigan goes to Old Dominion.

BIG (TEN) SATURDAY FOR MAC: The MAC got a pair of victories over Big Ten schools last Saturday as Central Michigan beat Purdue 38-17, and Northern Illinois dropped Northwestern 23-15. The MAC has won at least one game against a Big Ten opponent in the last eight years. The NIU victory extended the Huskies streak of true road victories to 16, the longest current streak in FBS.

FIRST PASSPORT STAMPS: Bowling Green won for the first time under new head coach **Dino Babers**, while FIU, Louisiana Tech and Southern Miss each got their first victories of the season.

NATIONAL LEADERS: UTEP sophomore RB **Aaron Jones** leads FBS with 378 rushing yards. Toledo sophomore RB **Kareem Hunt** is tied for first in rushing TDs with 5. Buffalo junior QB **Joe Licata** is tied for first in passing touchdowns with 8. WKU senior QB **Brandon Doughty** is second in passing yards with 866.

C-USA STANDINGS



EAST DIVISION

	<u>C-USA</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Marshall	0-0	2-0
Middle Tennessee	0-0	1-1
Old Dominion	0-0	1-1
UAB	0-0	1-1
WKU	0-0	1-1
FIU	0-0	1-1
Florida Atlantic	0-0	0-2

WEST DIVISION

	<u>C-USA</u>	<u>Overall</u>
UTEP	0-0	1-1
UTSA	0-0	1-1
Louisiana Tech	0-0	1-1
North Texas	0-0	1-1
Rice	0-0	0-1
Southern Miss	0-0	0-2

MAC STANDINGS



EAST DIVISION

	<u>MAC</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Ohio	1-0	1-1
Akron	0-0	1-1
Bowling Green	0-0	1-1
Buffalo	0-0	1-1
UMass	0-0	0-2
Miami	0-0	0-2
Kent State	0-1	0-2

WEST DIVISION

	<u>MAC</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Central Michigan	0-0	2-0
Northern Illinois	0-0	2-0
Ball State	0-0	1-1
Eastern Michigan	0-0	1-1
Toledo	0-0	1-1
Western Michigan	0-0	0-1

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE USA

Thursday, September 11

* Louisiana Tech at North Texas (CBSSN)

Saturday, September 13

Pittsburgh at FIU (FS1)
Ohio at Marshall (CBSSN)
Alabama A&M at UAB (ASN)
Eastern Michigan at Old Dominion
Southern Miss at Alabama (ESPN 2)
* WKU at Middle Tennessee (WUXP)
Tulsa at Florida Atlantic (FCS)
UTSA at Oklahoma State (FSN)
New Mexico State at UTEP (ASN)
Rice at Texas A&M (ESPN 2)

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Friday, September 12

Toledo at Cincinnati (ESPNU)
Baylor at Buffalo (ESPN)

Saturday, September 13

Indiana at Bowling Green (ESPNU)
Kent State at Ohio State (ABC)
Ohio at Marshall (CBSSN)
Syracuse at Central Michigan (ESPNews)
UMass at Vanderbilt (FSN)
Indiana State at Ball State (ESPN3)
Miami at Michigan (BTN)
Western Michigan at Idaho (ESPN3)
Eastern Michigan at Old Dominion (COX)
NIU at UNLV (MWN)

(TV/digital network in parenthesis)

* - conference games

WEEK 2 RESULTS

CONFERENCE USA

Thursday, September 4

Arizona 26, UTSA 23

Saturday, September 6

North Texas 43, SMU 6
FIU 34, Wagner 3
LA Tech 48, Louisiana-Lafayette 20
Marshall 48, Rhode Island 7
Southern Miss 26, Alcorn State 20
Alabama 41, Florida Atlantic 0
Illinois 42, WKU 34
Mississippi State 47, UAB 34
Minnesota 35, Middle Tennessee 24
NC State 46, Old Dominion 34
Texas Tech 30, UTEP 26

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 6

Penn State 21, Akron 3
Army 47, Buffalo 39
Central Michigan 38, Purdue 17
Missouri 49, Toledo 24
South Alabama 23, Kent State 13
Colorado 41, UMass 38
Iowa 17, Ball State 13
Eastern Kentucky 17, Miami 10
NIU 23, Northwestern 15
Kentucky 20, Ohio 3
Bowling Green 48, VMI 7
Florida 65, Eastern Michigan 0

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WEEK 2 INDIVIDUAL HONORS

RB Kenneth Dixon, Louisiana Tech: The junior ran for 184 yards and two TDs, including a school- and conference-record 99-yarder, on 12 carries in LA Tech's 48-20 win at ULL for C-USA Offensive Player of the Week honors.

DB Wonderful Terry, WKU: The junior had a 95-yard fumble recovery, a career-high nine tackles (seven solo) in a loss at Illinois for C-USA Defensive Player of the Week honors.

K Trevor Moore, North Texas: The freshman tied a school record with five field goals and added a pair of PATs in a 43-6 victory over SMU for C-USA Special Teams Player of the Week recognition.

QB Joe Licata, Buffalo: The junior completed 35-of-50 passes for 401 yards and five TDs in a loss at Army for MAC East Division Offensive Player of the Week honors.

LB Quentin Poling, Ohio: The redshirt freshman had a career-high 10 tackles, two sacks and two and one-half tackles for loss in a loss at Kentucky for MAC East Division Defensive Player of the Week honors.

PR Ryan Burbrink, Bowling Green: The junior returned a punt 75 yards for a TD, the second PR-TD of his career, in a 48-7 win over VMI for MAC East Division Special Teams Player of the Week recognition.

RB Thomas Rawls, Central Michigan: The senior had 155 yards on 31 carries and scored twice and added three catches for 50 yards in a 38-17 victory at Purdue for MAC West Division Offensive Player of the Week honors.

LB Rasheen Lemon, Northern Illinois: The junior had a career-high nine tackles and two sacks in NIU's 23-15 win at Northwestern for MAC West Division Defensive Player of the Week honors.

K Jeremiah Detmer, Toledo: The senior made one of two field goals and four of his five kick-offs went for touchbacks in a loss to Missouri for MAC West Division Special Teams Player of the Week.

C-USA/MAC ON NFL ROSTERS

The opening weekend of the 2014 NFL season saw several players from Conference USA and MAC on team rosters. C-USA had 73 players, with all 13 current schools represented. Louisiana Tech had the most former C-USA players on current NFL rosters with nine, while Marshall and Southern Miss each had eight.

The MAC had 74 former players on NFL rosters, with all 13 current schools represented. Central Michigan had the most former MAC players on current NFL rosters with nine, while Kent State and Toledo each had seven.

POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL MEDIA PREDICTIONS

Media Member/Organization Predicting..... C-USA vs. MAC Matchup
 ESPN.com (Brett McMurphy) - Sept. 8:North Texas vs. Ball State
 ESPN.com (Mark Schlabach) - Sept. 8: UAB vs. Ohio
 USA Today - Sept. 10: Rice vs. Ohio
 NFL.com (Mike Huguenin) - Sept. 9: Middle Tennessee vs. Ball State
 Phil Steele Magazine - Sept. 8: Louisiana Tech vs. Toledo
 Brant Parsons (Orlando Sentinel) - Sept. 8:Marshall vs. Toledo
 CBSSports.com (Jerry Palm) - Sept. 8: UTSA vs. Ball State
 The Sporting News (Bill Bender) - Sept. 8: WKU vs. Central Michigan
 SB Nation (Jason Kirk) - Sept. 8:Marshall vs. Toledo
 SI.com (Zac Ellis) - Aug. 27:Middle Tennessee vs. Toledo
 FOXSports.com (Stuart Mandel) - Aug. 26: Florida Atlantic vs. Northern Illinois
 NationalFootballPost.com (Dave Miller) - Aug. 25:Marshall vs. Toledo
 CollegeFootballNews.com - Aug. 22:Middle Tennessee vs. Bowling Green